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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: HAU-WEI WANG ET AL

SERIAL NO.: 10/692,754

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FOR: MICROSCOPIC IMAGING APPARATUS WITH
FLAT-TOP DISTRIBUTION OF LIGHT

GROUP ART UNIT: 2872

EXAMINER: A. Amari

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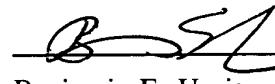
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This paper is in response to the Official Action dated January 11, 2005.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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